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Class Rank	School does not rank
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Columbia Human Rights Law Review
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission

Admission(s)	New York, Washington
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Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	Yes

Specialized Work Experience

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January 31, 2023

The Honorable David Morales
United States Courthouse
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a public defender and a 2017 graduate of Columbia Law School, where I was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a member of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review. I am writing to apply for a 2024-2025 term clerkship following a clerkship with Justice G. Helen Whitener of the Washington State Supreme Court for the 2023-2024 term.

Enclosed please find my resume, transcript, writing sample, and letters of recommendation from:

Supervisor Matthew Covello, (206) 477-8999, Matthew.Covello@kingcounty.gov
Judge Faye Chess, (206) 684-8712, Faye.Chess@seattle.gov

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shawn Ashkan Shariati

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EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

J.D., 2017

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (for superior academic achievement)

Columbia Human Rights Law Review, *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*

Challenging the Consequences of Mass Incarceration Clinic

Public Defender Students of Columbia Law School, *President*

The London School of Economics, London, UK

MSc., International Relations, 2011

Queens College of the City University of New York, New York, NY

B.A., Political Science and History, *cum laude*, 2009

EXPERIENCE

Washington State Supreme Court, Olympia, WA

Law Clerk to the Honorable G. Helen Whitener, Expected August 2023 – August 2024

The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY

Criminal Defense Practice Attorney, October 2019 – Present

Handled all aspects of criminal litigation, including arraignment, motion practice, trial, and probation hearings. Provided client-centered representation in collaboration with social workers, investigators, paralegals, and civil attorneys.

King County Department of Public Defense, Associated Counsel for the Accused, Seattle, WA

Attorney, August 2017 – August 2019

Handled all aspects of criminal litigation, including arraignment, motion practice, trial, contempt, and probation hearings. Provided client-centered representation in collaboration with social workers, investigators, paralegals, and civil attorneys.

Handled all aspects of civil litigation concerning child support enforcement, at-risk youth, and child in need of services proceedings.

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, NY

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Valerie Caproni, January 2017 – April 2017

Conducted legal research, prepared memos, and drafted opinions concerning such topics as habeas corpus, sentencing, civil procedure, employment law, and copyright law.

The Bronx Defenders, New York, NY

Criminal Defense Practice Extern, September 2016 – December 2016

Helped attorneys representing clients in criminal proceedings. Prepared motions concerning facial insufficiency, speedy trial, suppression, and prosecutorial misconduct.

Family Defense Practice Intern, August 2016

Assisted attorneys representing clients in dependency proceedings. Prepared motions and memos concerning various sections of New York's Family Court Act.

The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY

Criminal Defense Practice Intern, June 2016 – August 2016

Supported attorneys representing clients in criminal proceedings. Prepared subpoenas. Wrote memos and motions concerning facial insufficiency, severance, speedy trial, and suppression. Represented clients charged with misdemeanors pursuant to New York's student practice order, from arraignment to disposition.

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, New York, NY

Criminal Defense Practice Extern, September 2015 – May 2016

Helped attorneys representing clients in criminal proceedings. Represented clients charged with misdemeanors pursuant to New York's student practice order, from arraignment to disposition.

Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA

Law Clerk, May 2015 – August 2015

Assisted attorneys representing clients in criminal proceedings. Prepared various motions and memos concerning suppression and evidentiary rules.

New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY

Legal Intake Committee Member, January 2014 – August 2014

Managed the intake of and correspondences with clients. Aided attorneys with class action lawsuits concerning New York's criminal legal system.

Filipino American Legal Defense & Education Fund, New York, NY

Legal Assistant, September 2012 – May 2014

Helped attorneys representing clients with immigration issues. Created and

managed pro bono immigration legal clinics in collaboration with other non-profit organizations and bar associations.

Haitian Family Resource Center, New York, NY

Legal Assistant, July 2012 – September 2012

Assisted attorneys representing clients with immigration issues. Helped prepare community events in collaboration with local churches.

United Nations – Department of Political Affairs, New York, NY

Intern – Office of the Assistant Secretary-General, June 2011 – October 2011

Produced reports on political and security developments around the world.

Managed the intake of correspondences from governments and other UN missions.

Prepared talking points for the Secretary-General during the meeting of the General Assembly.

MEMBERSHIPS

Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington, *Vice President, 2018-2019*

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington State

New York State

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Applicant Education

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 JD/LLB From **University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School**
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 1, 2021**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Journal of International Law**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Keedy Cup Intramural Competition**

Bar Admission

Admission(s) **Pennsylvania**

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships	No
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

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April 3, 2023

The Honorable David Morales
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am an Assistant District Attorney and a 2021 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. I am writing to apply for a 2024-2025 or a 2024-2026 clerkship with your chambers.

In my role as Assistant District Attorney, I appear in court almost every day to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the prosecution of criminal cases. Outside of my time in court, I draft pleadings and motions on tight deadlines and conduct legal research to apply statutes and precedents to the facts of each case.

Prior to becoming an Assistant District Attorney, I interned at the Penn Civil Practice Clinic, where I drafted pleadings and discovery documents on behalf of indigent clients. During my two internships with the U.S. Attorney's Office, I wrote briefs for both the Civil and Criminal Units, often in response to pro se filings. I also conducted research on federal rules and statutes and provided attorneys with detailed and comprehensive memoranda engaging with and resolving their questions. In my final year of law school, I participated in the Appellate Advocacy Clinic and drafted legal arguments analyzing the construction and intended application of administrative law.

Included are my resume, writing sample, transcripts, and letters of recommendation. My recommenders are:

Michael Levy, Adjunct Professor of Law University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School	mikel31556@gmail.com
Su Ming Yeh, Executive Director Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project	smyeh@pailp.org (267) 457-4790
Lisa Swiatek, Senior Attorney City of Philadelphia Law Department	lisa.swiatek@phila.gov (215) 683-5076

Please let me know if there is any further information I could provide that would be helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Rachel E. Spivack

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Philadelphia, PA

J.D., May 2021

- Honors:* University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law, Associate Editor
Penn Law Inn of Court, Student Member
- Activities:* Mock Trial Tournament at Penn Law
Federalist Society
Keedy Cup Moot Court Competition
Jewish Law Students' Association

Touro College, New York, NY

B.A., *summa cum laude*, History, January 2011

Dean's Scholarship Program; Merit Scholarship Awardee

- Honors:* History Department Certificate of Excellence (annual award to two graduating students)
Dean's Award for Academic Merit and Scholarship (all semesters)
- Activities:* Phi Alpha Theta, Chapter President (History Honor Society)

EXPERIENCE

Luzerne County District Attorney's Office, Wilkes-Barre, PA

June 2022 – Present

Assistant District Attorney

- On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, successfully prosecuted criminal cases and secured convictions in bench and jury trials.
- Researched legal issues and presented argument to the court through written filings and in oral proceedings.
- Drafted motions, briefs, and other legal documents in connection with trials and hearings.
- Advised police officers regarding Fourth Amendment safeguards and correct criminal procedure.

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA

September 2021 – April 2022

Assistant District Attorney

- Screened juvenile arrests to ensure that cases were appropriately routed toward either court-based or diversion-based processing.
- Investigated the cases of juvenile defendants and crafted internal memoranda recommending rehabilitative resources and approaches to prosecution.
- Expanded programming resources available to diverted youth by initiating conversations with relevant non-profits and drafting memoranda of understanding with community partners who agreed to help facilitate diversion.

Philadelphia Law Department, Labor & Employment Unit, Philadelphia, PA

January – May 2021

Legal Intern

- Researched and drafted memoranda regarding retaliation, disparate impact, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the applicable rules of evidence, among other issues.
- Drafted position statements and briefs in response to EEOC charges.

Penn Law Appellate Advocacy Clinic, Philadelphia, PA

September 2020 – March 2021

Certified Legal Intern

- Drafted a brief regarding interpretation of asylum law (8 U.S.C § 1229a) on behalf of amici curiae in the consolidated U.S. Supreme Court case *Barr v. Dai/Barr v. Alcatraz-Enriquez*.
- Researched issues for appeal in a case concerning questions of criminal procedure and plea bargaining.
- Drafted a motion requesting oral argument in the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey, Camden, NJ

July – August 2020

Legal Intern

- Researched and drafted memoranda regarding the applicability and sentencing implications of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) and (o) in the Third Circuit.
- Drafted a motion for summary judgment in a federal employment discrimination case.
- Researched and reported on theories of criminal liability for a case in which there was evidence of Medicaid fraud by unknown individual(s) within a corporation.

Penn Law Civil Practice Clinic, Philadelphia, PA

January – May 2020

Certified Legal Intern

- Represented indigent clients before the Social Security Administration and Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas.
- Researched and devised case strategies for a quiet title action and a Social Security appeal hearing.
- Prepared pleadings and discovery documents including interrogatories.

U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Florida, Pensacola, FL

July – August 2019

Legal Intern

- Researched and drafted memoranda regarding the administrative requirements of the Federal Tort Claims Act.
- Conducted legal research on the applicability of Federal Rules (such as Fed. R. Civ. P. 33 and Fed. R. Evid. 406) to specific civil and criminal cases.
- Assisted in drafting an appellate brief that responded to a criminal appeal.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SeniorLAW Center, Philadelphia, PA

July 2020 – April 2022

Volunteer Attorney

- Performed intake interviews with Pennsylvania seniors who requested legal assistance through the SeniorLAW Center Helpline.
- Worked with the Philadelphia Eviction Prevention Project's Lawyer of the Day program to offer free representation to tenant-defendants in housing court.
- Researched topics relating to Pennsylvania property law to determine the rights of senior homeowners in title dispute cases.

INTERESTS

Creative writing, gardening, and carpentry.

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **University of Texas-Dallas**
 Date of BA/BS **December 2020**
 JD/LLB From **The University of Texas School of Law**
<http://www.law.utexas.edu>
 Date of JD/LLB **May 1, 2024**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **The Review of Litigation, American Journal of Criminal Law**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial
Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 11, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
1133 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a rising third-year student at The University of Texas School of Law writing to apply for a 2024-25 term clerkship in your chambers. As a lifelong North Texas resident, I am excited about the possibility of clerking in your chambers in Corpus Christi before starting my litigation career in the Dallas office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings.

Before obtaining my college degree, I worked as a warehouse assistant, landscaper, retail associate, gym supervisor, and referee. I used the money from these jobs to cover schoolbooks, food, and rent. None of the jobs were glamorous, but they taught me to strive for my dream career. For most of my undergraduate education, this “dream career” was a philosophy professorship. Then, after joining Mock Trial and volunteering at an immigration clinic, I learned that I could use the skills I developed in philosophy to help others through a career in law. Ultimately, I plan to pursue appellate law, which is the area that has most interested me throughout law school. But first, I will practice litigation to gain an understanding of the process at the trial court level. I hope to clerk in your chambers to gain a better understanding of the trial court process, as I know that this experience will vastly improve my perspective when I enter appellate practice.

Attached please find my application for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024-25 clerkship term. My application includes my resume, transcripts, and writing sample. Letters of recommendation from Matthew Murrell, Kayla Oliver, and Brian Gillett are included in this application packet. My recommenders may be reached as follows:

- Matthew Murrell, Lecturer, The University of Texas School of Law
matthew.murrell@law.utexas.edu
- Kayla Oliver, Adjunct Professor, The University of Texas School of Law
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- Brian Gillett, Senior Attorney, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
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Respectfully,

Hayden Tiner

Enclosures

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D. expected May 2024

GPA: 3.76

- THE REVIEW OF LITIGATION:
 - Notes Editor, 2022-23
 - Director of Development, 2023-24
- AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW, Staff Editor, 2022-23
- Mithoff Pro Bono Volunteer with the Gender Affirmation Project, 2021-22
- Thad T. Hutcheson Moot Court Competition, Competitor, 2022
- Barbara Jordan Inn of Court, Student Member, 2022-present

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas

B.A. *summa cum laude* in Philosophy received December 2020

Minor in Spanish Language

GPA: 4.00

- Intramural Official for Flag Football and Volleyball
- Staff Supervisor at University Recreation Center
- Mock Trial Team Competitor

EXPERIENCE

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, Dallas, Texas

Summer Associate, June 2022 – August 2022, May 2023 – August 2023 (expected)

- Wrote memos for insurance coverage, fraud, and anti-kickback cases.
- Assisted in drafting lis pendens to cloud title to real estate in breach of contract case.
- Drafted petition in pro bono case involving drug dealing in low-income Dallas neighborhood.

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman, Texas

Judicial Intern with The Honorable Amos L. Mazzant, III, May 2022 – June 2022

- Drafted memorandum opinions and orders for criminal and civil cases.
- Proofread Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal and Rule 56 summary judgment orders for co-interns and clerks.

RealPage, Richardson, Texas

Product Support Agent, January 2021 – May 2021

- Assisted clients over email and telephone to resolve issues with smart IoT devices.
- Managed and documented support tickets using a CRM tool.
- Wrote and edited support documents to assist other agents with troubleshooting.

Opening Doors International Services, Denton, Texas

Volunteer Intern, Immigration Legal Services, June 2020 – August 2020

- Proofread DACA renewal applications, family petitions, and other USCIS forms.
- Performed intake calls to gather client information and schedule legal consultations.

LANGUAGES & ACTIVITIES

- Fluent in Spanish
- Thrift shopper, McDonald's enthusiast, and amateur pizza chef

Prepared on June 2, 2023

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From	University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa (main campus)
Date of BA/BS	December 2013
JD/LLB From	University of California, Irvine School of Law
	http://www.law.uci.edu
Date of JD/LLB	May 11, 2024
Class Rank	School does not rank
Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	Yes
Law Review/Journal	No
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
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Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 12, 2023

The Honorable Judge David Steven Morales
United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a rising third year student at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, and I am applying for a clerkship in your chambers beginning in August 2024. Before entering law school, I spent seven years as an actor, director, and producer. I left that career because as much as I believe in the power of storytelling, I wanted to find a way to do more tangible good in the world. I am particularly interested in your chambers because of your emphasis on litigation and evidence; two areas in which I am interested and have excelled.

I chose UCI Law in large part because of its pro bono program; my pro bono work has been educational and rewarding. As a first year student I drafted declarations with Community Legal Aid SoCal's Clean Slate Clinic, interviewed witnesses with Kill The Kill Zone, and advocated for healthier coasts with Surfrider while improving my research and writing skills. This year I continued my pro bono work with Surfrider by drafting public comments for a California Coastal Commission hearing, researching coast management policies, and advocating for smarter and more sustainable coastline management in my backyard of Orange County, CA.

The summer after my first year, I served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Kenly Kiya Kato at the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in Riverside. There, I saw the workings of a judicial chambers and sharpened my research and writing skills under the guidance of a federal judge. I knew after my first week in Judge Kato's chambers I wanted to clerk after graduating from law school. At the end of the summer, Judge Kato's career law clerk described my research, writing, oral skills, attitude, and work habits as "Outstanding—consistently and significantly above expectations, on par with an entry-level attorney."

Last year, I prioritized on-the-job training (1) as a student in UCI's Environmental Law Clinic, (2) researching for Professor Christopher Leslie, and (3) interning for the Federal Trade Commission. All three positions bolstered my research and writing skills in different ways. I drafted an amicus brief for the Environmental Law Clinic, which involved legal and nonlegal research. I researched banking deserts and proofread scholarly writing for Professor Leslie. I wrote memos, assisted in preparation for oral arguments, edited briefs, and presented novel theories of antitrust law to attorneys in the Health Care Division of the FTC.

Throughout law school, I have excelled in situations requiring on-the-job learning and high-quality legal research and writing. I hope to have the opportunity to use those skills as a clerk in your chambers. Please find attached my resume, transcript, writing sample, and letters of recommendation from Professors Katherine Tinto and Christopher Leslie. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Vine

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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA Juris Doctor expected May 2024; GPA: 3.93

Honors: *Environmental Law Scholar*: Class of 2024
Faculty Award (Highest Grade in Course): Contracts, Torts, Evidence, Antitrust
Dean's Award (Second-Highest Grade in Course): Environmental Law Clinic
Pro Bono Award (50+ Pro Bono Hours): 2022-23, 2023-24

Activities: Student Bar Association (1L Representative); Environmental Law Society; Admissions Ambassador; Community Fellow; Community Legal Aid SoCal Clean Slate Clinic

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL Bachelor of Arts in Communication, December 2013

Activities: Board Member, Alpha Psi Omega (theatre honors society); Vice President, Subject to Change (a cappella singing group); Freshman Orientation leader; Volunteer Leader, The First Tee

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Crowell & Moring LLP, Irvine, CA May 2023—Present
Summer Associate.

Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, Washington, D.C. January 2023—April 2023
Health Care Division Intern. Researched antitrust law and theory, drafted memos covering civil procedure and antitrust theory, document review, assisted preparation for oral arguments.

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA August 2022—December 2022
Environmental Law Certified Clinical Student. Researched facts and law related to environmental protection case on appeal, communicated with clients and third parties, drafted Amicus Brief filed in 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA May 2022—Present
Research Assistant to Professor Christopher Leslie. Work closely with professor to research antitrust law and banking deserts. Present data and legal findings to professor. Provide analysis and feedback on upcoming article drafts.

Surfrider Foundation, Irvine, CA January 2022—Present
Pro Bono Volunteer. Research and discover background documents for current and upcoming cases, including past permits and permit requests submitted to the California Coastal Commission. Researched California Coastal Act and composed memo outlining and explaining specific provisions within the act for current and future Surfrider work.

United States District Court, Central District of California, Riverside, CA May 2022—August 2022
Judicial Extern to the Honorable Kenly Kiya Kato. Researched and discussed state habeas corpus claims, civil rights claims, and discovery in civil litigation. Observed legal hearings. Discussed rulings and drafted decisions, including multiple decisions on Social Security Administration cases.

Kill the Kill Zone, Irvine, CA August 2021—May 2022
Pro Bono Volunteer. Researched cases for clients wrongly prosecuted under kill zone theory. Interviewed clients and composed depositions to help prove innocence at hearings.

EMPLOYMENT

Shakespeare on Draught, Atlanta, GA November 2017—August 2021
Producer. Proposed and determined programming, directed plays. Organized and hosted performances and special events.

Georgia Ensemble Theatre, Roswell, GA August 2017—March 2020
Education Manager. Managed Theatre for Young Audiences company and Acting Apprentices.

Self-Employed, Atlanta, GA January 2014—August 2021
Freelance Actor and Director. Directed and/or acted in dozens of theatre productions, commercials, and films nationwide. Favorites include *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; *Beauty and the Beast*; *The Glass Menagerie*; and *The Last Five Years*.

INTERESTS

Golf (scratch handicap), basketball, The New York Times Crossword, and writing limericks about Supreme Court cases.

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Applicant Education

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Date of BA/BS	September 2017
JD/LLB From	University of San Diego School of Law
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Date of JD/LLB	May 14, 2022
Class Rank	50%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	University of San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	No
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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Joseph A. Welsh

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February 9, 2023

The Honorable Judge David Morales
United States Courthouse
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Honorable Judge Morales,

It is with great interest that I am writing to apply for a clerkship in your chambers beginning August 2024. Growing up in a community surrounded by oil refineries may seem an abnormal experience to cultivate an interest in the law. However, the severe impact of toxic pollution on the health of the individuals I grew up around instilled me with a passion to improve the lives of others through our justice system. As a recent graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law I hope to take the next step toward such work as a clerk in your chambers.

Substantial trial experience for an attorney in his first full year of practice provides me an understanding of trial procedure and strategy greater than other applicants which would allow me to immediately contribute to your chambers. The opportunity to support a highly reputed judge and gain exposure to a wide-ranging docket aligns with my intent to expand the complex litigation skills I have developed in practice areas from environmental mass torts to energy contracts.

In my nascent legal career, I have already developed the legal skills that will allow me to effectively fulfill the duties required to positively influence your chambers. In my time with Colorado's Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office, I have successfully conducted nearly twenty jury trials, dozens of motions, felony level preliminary hearings, and supervised two attorneys responsible for 2,000 cases. This experience bolstered my confidence in the courtroom and my oral and written advocacy skills. Involvement with the University of San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law (JCEL), as a two-year editor and published author, enhanced my research and analytical skills which will translate well to resolving complex legal issues. Finally, my motions drafting and complex research work at both Gagen & McCoy and Gomez Trial Attorneys enhanced my ability to effectively shift between complicated tasks including research and analysis of legal issues related to Endangered Species Take Permits, water mitigation banks, mass tort environmental cases, and the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Finally, as to your listed preference for a top twenty-five percent applicant. Excuses do not replace performance, however, for much of my law school career I was on such trajectory until I spent an extended period of my 3L year in the hospital including during final exams.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to your chambers. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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EDUCATION

University of San Diego School of Law <i>Juris Doctor, Environmental and Energy Law Concentration</i>	May 2022
GPA: 3.49	
Activities: Environmental Law Society, President, 2021-2022 Journal of Climate and Energy Law: Articles Editor, 2020-21; Comments Editor, 2021-22	
Awards: CALI Award for Excellence in Elections Law, 2021 Publication in the <i>University of San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law</i> Faculty Honor Scholarship	
University of California, Davis <i>Bachelor of Arts in History of the Middle East</i>	May 2017
GPA: 3.57	

EXPERIENCE

Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office , Colorado Springs, CO <i>Deputy District Attorney</i>	August 2022 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct misdemeanor trials focused on child abuse, domestic violence, assault, DUI charges, and careless driving resulting in death. Argue motions to suppress including reasonable suspicion, probable cause, character evidence, expressed consent, and Miranda violations among other statutory and constitutional issues. Advise and aid two Deputy District Attorneys in management of their dockets and jury trials. Between two dockets, manage approximately 1,500 misdemeanor cases, conducted pre-trial readiness and revocation hearings, and communicated with domestic violence and child abuse victims. 	
Gomez Trial Attorneys , San Diego, CA <i>Law Clerk</i>	November 2021 – April 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted environmental toxic tort and mold abatement complaints filed with state and federal district court. Composed memoranda on research regarding the Federal Tort Claims Act application to toxic torts. Propounded and responded to written discovery for environmental and personal injury actions. 	
Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office , Colorado Springs, CO <i>Student Practice Act Attorney</i>	June 2021 – August 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held first and second chair for four misdemeanor trials on DUIs, child abuse, and domestic violence cases. Argued motions including reasonable suspicion, probable cause, character evidence, and Miranda violations. Helped manage county court case dockets, conducted pre-trial readiness and revocation hearings, and communicated with domestic violence and child abuse victims. 	
Energy Policy Initiatives Center Clinic , San Diego, CA <i>Student Attorney</i>	January 2021 – May 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researched and analyzed California's S.B. 743 mandate to report land use projects induced greenhouse gas emissions through a new Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) metric. Created a survey to document how 482 municipalities have implemented the VMT mandate into Environmental Impact Reports under the California Environmental Quality Act. 	
Danko Meredith Trial Lawyers , Redwood City, CA <i>Law Clerk</i>	November 2020 – April 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviewed low-income renters affected by the 2017 Tubbs Fire and the 2018 Camp Fire disasters. Drafted zone of danger, nuisance, and lost property claims for disadvantaged victims of PG&E wildfire cases. 	
Gagen McCoy , Danville, CA <i>Law Clerk</i>	May 2020 – November 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authored memoranda and motions on water mitigation bank disputes, contract disputes, and municipal issues. Summarized wind farm contracts and temporary takings permit. 	
Congressman Mark DeSauliner , Richmond, CA <i>Congressional District Office Intern</i>	April 2019 – August 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted constituent correspondence, fielded constituent inquiries and opinion calls, and represented the Congressman at community organization events in a diverse low-income community. 	

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INTERESTS

Pinole Rotary & Boys and Girls Club, Richmond, CA | *Aided event coordination and fundraising*
Fly Fishing | *Fostered my desire to preserve the environment that enriched my childhood*
Hockey | *Created a life goal to aid the Green Rink Movement and renovate high carbon output rinks*

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 Date of JD/LLB **May 19, 2023**
 Class Rank **15%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **George Mason Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Scalia Law Moot Court Board**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial
Internships/ **Yes**
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February 2, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
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1133 North Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
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Re: Law Clerk Application

Dear District Judge Morales:

I am interested in clerking in your chambers for the 2024-2025 term or the 2024-2026 term, or the next available term. I intend to return to the Washington, D.C. office of Squire Patton Boggs after clerking.

Throughout law school, I have taken every opportunity to work for or study under judges to prepare myself for a judicial clerkship. I have worked as a full-time courtroom clerk in the Circuit Court for Arlington, Virginia and as a judicial intern at the Maryland Court of Appeals. I also have taken courses taught by Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

I also serve my law school peers in several leadership positions. I am a Research Editor for George Mason Law Review and the Managing Justice of the Scalia Law Moot Court Board. In student government, I have served as Vice-President and Class Representative on SBA, and as the Law School Representative for GMU's Graduate and Professional Student Association. I am also a Writing Fellow for the 1L legal writing program and the Treasurer for the Mason Sport and Entertainment Law Association.

I would be pleased to discuss my qualifications in an interview. I appreciate your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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EDUCATION & HONORS

George Mason University , Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, VA	September 2020 – Present
<i>Juris Doctor</i> , Expected Graduation June 2023	
<u>GPA</u> : 3.70 <u>Class Rank</u> : 26/163 Top 16%, cum laude	
<u>Law Review</u> : George Mason Law Review , Research Editor	
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<u>Affiliations</u> : National Asian Pacific American Bar Association	
University of Virginia , College of Arts & Sciences, Charlottesville, VA	August 2016 – December 2019
<i>Bachelor of Arts in Statistics (Actuarial Finance Concentration) & Classics (Latin Concentration)</i> , December 2019	
<u>GPA</u> : 3.56	
<u>Honors</u> : Echols Scholar Dean's List Eta Sigma Phi Honorary Society for Classical Studies Classical Association of the Middle West and South, <i>Certificate of Commendation Recipient</i>	
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WORK EXPERIENCE

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 Date of JD/LLB **May 4, 2024**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Texas International Law Journal**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/
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Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

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June 05, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
United States District Court
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United States Courthouse
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a second-year student at the University of Texas School of Law and am applying for a 2024-25 term clerkship position in your chambers.

Before attending law school, I served as an artillery officer in the United States Marine Corps. During one deployment, I spent a month in the mountains of South Korea training alongside Korean Marines. As the only Korean in my unit, I became the de facto translator for everyone of all ranks on both sides. My conversational experience was generally limited to ordering in restaurants, so I ended up facilitating a lot of trades of US & Korean food rations. These were hugely popular deals, reaching the point where Korean Marines held out for specific in-demand items, such as PB&J packets and Skittles. We all trained hard and came out of that month much closer as allied units and friends despite still having huge language barriers, due to our common love of the (not quite Michelin star) food culture that we shared. I felt very proud that I was able to facilitate those international relations using my background. It was, in many ways, a culmination of the adaptability and communication skills in uncomfortable situations that I developed in the Marines, carried forward as a first-generation law student, and hope to contribute as a clerk.

I want to clerk for you to learn from someone who has overseen a wide breadth of both civil and criminal work in their docket in Texas. I was able to explore my interests in both types of work during my previous summer internships at Foley & Lardner LLP and the Department of Justice Criminal Division. I hope that my experience and skillset will enable me to contribute to your work and assist the other clerks, and then take that experience on to my subsequent employment back with Foley & Lardner LLP.

My application includes a resume, transcript, and writing sample. Letters of recommendation from Professors David Sokolow, Edward Dawson, and David Springer are included as well. These recommenders may be reached as follows:

Professor David Sokolow, The University of Texas School of Law
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Professor Edward Dawson, The University of Texas School of Law
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Professor David Springer, The University of Texas School of Law
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In addition, the Law School's clerkship advisor, Kathleen Overly, is available to answer your questions. You may reach her at koverly@law.utexas.edu or 512-232-1316.

Respectfully,

Jay Yoon

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D. expected May 2024

GPA: 3.39

- TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, *Staff Editor*
- Strasburger Advanced Mock Trial Competition, 2022-23, *Champion*
- Society Program, *Dean's Fellow* (small group leader/mentor for eighteen first-year students)
- Texas Law Veterans Association, 2022-23, *Outreach Coordinator*
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, *Member*
- Veterans Legal Advice Clinic, 2022-23, *Pro Bono Volunteer*
- Texas Law Afghan Asylum Workshop, 2023, *Pro Bono Volunteer*

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

B.B.A. in Finance, May 2012

GPA overall: 3.0. GPA in major: 3.5.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Foley & Lardner LLP, Dallas, TX

Summer Associate, May-June 2022, May-July 2023 (expected)

Prepared interrogatories & requests for production for commercial litigation discovery. Researched & wrote memoranda on bankruptcy claim prima facie validity, local jury trial award trends, & indispensable parties.

United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Washington, D.C.

Summer Intern, Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, July-August 2022

Drafted a court indictment extension motion. Researched and wrote memoranda on the EU's Market in Crypto-Assets regulation, venue, forgery, & preindictment delay.

United States Marine Corps

Captain, September 2014-July 2020

Acquisitions Project Officer, Systems Command, Quantico, Virginia, 2019-20

Managed the procurement lifecycle of a \$50 million portfolio of radars and target acquisition systems. Planned and executed a \$10 million annual budget to fulfill engineering, manufacturing, and logistical contracts. Served as the lead government representative interfacing with civilian industry partners.

Force Fires Officer, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Manama, Bahrain, 2018-19

Coordinated information flow and planning efforts for a 24/7 command center controlling all Navy & Marine units in the Middle East and Horn of Africa. Developed briefing products for the Commandant of the Marine Corps and Joint Chiefs of Staff on high visibility combat operations against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. Evaluated as the top-performing Lieutenant among peers by supervisor.

Fire Support Officer, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, 2017-18

Directly advised an Infantry Company Commander on long-range firing assets. Completed deployment to Asia, training Thai & Korean Marine forces. Evaluated as the top performer among peers by supervisor.

Platoon Commander, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, 2015-17

Commanded 53 Marines and completed deployment to Asia, training Korean Marine forces.

JP Morgan Chase, Dallas, TX

Securities Pricing Analyst, 2013-14

American First National Bank, Dallas, TX

Loan Credit Analyst, 2012-13

INTERESTS

Traveler (14 countries and cross-country RV); Cellist; Mini-golf enthusiast.

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Date of BA/BS **May 2019**

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Date of JD/LLB **May 5, 2023**

Class Rank **Not yet ranked**

Law Review/Journal **Yes**

Journal(s) **South Texas Civil Liberties Review**

Moot Court Experience **Yes**

Moot Court **The 34th Annual Domenick L. Gabrielli National**
Name(s) **Family Law Moot Court Competition**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial
Internships/ **Yes**
Externships
Post-graduate
Judicial Law **No**
Clerk

Specialized Work Experience

Specialized
Work **Appellate**
Experience

Professional Organization

Organizations **Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout), Future**
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February 19, 2023

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Dear Judge Morales:

I have over two years of legal experience as a Clerk, Judicial Intern & Litigation Intern, and I expect to graduate from South Texas College of Law Houston (STCLH) in May of 2023. Upon graduation, I will be sitting for the July BAR Exam (UBE), and I hope to begin my legal career within your chambers shortly after.

My passion for the law derives from my dream to give back in a way greater than myself. Through law and my many interests, I hope to play a role in impacting people's lives for the better through litigation and appeals. That is why over the last year, I have taken such a large interest in the Harris County Attorney's Office, where I specialize in Civil Rights, Texas Constitutional Questions, Election Law, Personal Injury, and Civil Appeals. It has been a great honor representing fourteen thousand county employees and 4.1 million citizens in some of the most exhilarating cases that genuinely allow me to make an impact in my community. From taking on the Governor of Texas to taking civil actions against businesses that harbor criminal activities, like sex trafficking, I know I am making a difference.

In my activities at STCLH, I have also made an impact not only on the students at STCLH but on the people we can touch by using what we learn. As a 1L, I started a student organization (DLSA), which has grown to over 70 members. In addition to founding this student organization, I have made it a mission to install a chapter at every law school in Texas. So far, I have assisted in establishing three chapters, and I currently represent all Law Students on the Texas Democratic Lawyers Association Board of Directors. In addition, our STCLH chapter is launching a pro-bono amicus brief program so that we may apply our legal knowledge and submit amicus briefs to the Texas Supreme Court.

Along with my successes with DLSA, I have also been elected to become the president of the ACLU Chapter at STCLH and became an Oral Advocate on STCLH's Varsity National Moot Court Team. Hearing about the ACLU and their battles from a young age was one of the largest contributing factors to my journey to becoming an attorney. Likewise, hearing about STCLH's advocacy programs was one of the main reasons I applied to STCLH. Every day I am living the life I dreamed of as a child, and despite my challenges, I am on the path to becoming the advocate I have always dreamed of being.

I would like to address some of those challenges I endured because my GPA is a factor you may be considering, but it does not represent academic faults but merely hardships I overcame. The adversity of entering law school during a pandemic was a challenge my peers also battled, but there were also some unforeseen hiccups along the way. During the fall exam period of my first semester, I was diagnosed with COVID-19. I pushed through to complete 3 of my courses, but I was too ill to sit for my Contracts I and Civil Procedure I exams. By deferring these two courses, I had to wait till the end of the Spring semester to sit for my exams. This wait became more challenging because the professors I had taken were no longer teaching those courses, so I had to sit for the exam of different professors without ever attending their classes. Furthermore, I had to take those exams the same day as their counterparts (Contracts I final exam in the morning, Contracts II final exam in the afternoon of the same day, and the same for Civil Procedure I & II). To add insult to injury, I was in a car accident the week of Spring Exams.

During my Summer Semester, when I began interning for an amazing Justice at Texas's Fourteenth Court of Appeals, I thought I had seen the horizon of my hardships. I chose to challenge myself by taking a summer class, along with my internship, the most challenging course of my tenure at STCLH (Federal Income Tax). At the beginning of the summer, I had witnessed my first oral argument and was excelling in my summer course, but that abruptly changed in June when I was diagnosed with cancer. This diagnosis halted everything. I began attending doctor's appointments for my treatment & surgery to remove the cancer, along with the doctors' appointments I was already going to for the car accident I was in during Spring Finals. Each of these challenges for many would be once in a lifetime, but for me, they all coalesced one after another. I have only been energized to push further and never backed down. I have completed each class I have taken and earned a few As along the way. Less than one year after my cancer diagnosis, I learned to paint in my free time, found a love for cooking, and was able to grow the short walks I would take with my dog to competing in my first half marathon and summiting the highest peak in Texas, the Guadalupe Peak.

I am entering my final year of law school with two semesters to go, and there is a lot I still hope to do before I graduate, but I am glad applying to clerk for you is something I have had the opportunity to do. Though my grades may not be the caliber of other applicants, I am a passionate advocate, each day affecting real change and leading my peers to make a difference of their own. I have taken my adversities and literally ran with them, just as I would like to do when challenges arise at the court.

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Registered for the July 2023 Uniform Bar Exam

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law Houston (STCLH), Houston, Texas Graduation: May 2023
Juris Doctor
Awards & Honors: The Marina and Bernadino Agosto, Sr. Award, and Honors for Pro Bono Service
Affiliations: Board of Advocates, Hispanic Law Students Association, and STCLH Centennial Committees
The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), San Antonio, Texas Graduation: May 2019
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing; Minor in Political Science
Affiliations: Filipino Student Association, Hispanic Student Association, Phi Delta Theta, USA Rock Climbing Regionalist

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

C.Y. Lee Legal Group PLLC | Supervised Associate, Houston, Texas Feb. 2023 – May 2023

- First chair in one commercial litigation trial, second chair in one criminal trial, and first chair in over 45 hearings
- Negotiate settlements with opposing counsel, insurance companies, and pro se litigants
- Commence, compile, and request discovery, hold depositions, and assist the supervising attorney in mediations

Harris County Attorney's Office | Affirmative & Defensive Litigation Intern, Houston, Texas Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2022

- Third chair in one Personal Injury Trial and provided reasoning for jurors to excuse during voir dire
- Drafted appellate briefs and motions submitted to the Supreme Court of Texas, and the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Drafted pleadings, motions, and orders submitted to trial courts; drafted deposition questions, interrogatories, and requests for production used in depositions; and drafted settlement memoranda for approval by the Commissioner's Court
- Specialized in Civil Appeals, Civil Rights, Constitutional Questions, Election Law, Nuisance, and Personal Injury

Brazil & Dunn | Law Clerk, Houston, Texas Dec. 2021 – Jan. 2022

- Conducted evidentiary research for *Lopez v. Hotze* pertaining to Election Law, Civil Rights, and Torts

Fourteenth Court of Appeals | Judicial Intern for The Honorable Jerry Zimmerer, Houston, Texas Jun. 2021 – Jul. 2021

- Analyzed the clerks record, reporters record, briefs on the merits, and case law to draft & submit bench memoranda on case-specific issues used in rulings, and the drafting of opinions by the Court
- Attended 1-2 educational seminars over Criminal, Civil, and Appellate Law, both at the state and federal levels

C.Y. Lee Legal Group PLLC | Legal Clerk, Houston, Texas Oct. 2019 – Jun. 2021

- Worked with the attorneys to develop legal arguments, motions, and other case filings, as well as attended 200+ hearings
- Co-drafted the law firm's first writ of habeas corpus, discussing a parent's right to custody of their child

LEADERSHIP

American Civil Liberties Union at STCLH | President, Secretary, and 1L Representative, STCLH Aug. 2020 – May 2023

- Planned and executed panel discussions over the preservation of civil liberties, and established pro bono opportunities

Democratic Law Students Association | Founder, Former President, and Attorney General, STCLH Aug. 2020 – May 2023

- Founded the first DLSA Chapter in Texas, and as Attorney General led the organization in a partnership with the Sorrels Law Firm to draft & submit an amicus brief in the largest non-economic damages case in Texas History, *Gregory v. Chohan*

Varsity Moot Court Team | Oral Advocate, STCLH Jan. 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Drafted & presented oral arguments at the 34th Annual Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Hot Coffee Digital Marketing | Founder & Owner, Houston, Texas Aug. 2019 – Current

- Established more than 26 contracts, leading to the hiring, and managing of staff to meet our clients growing marketing goals

U.S. House of Representatives | Congressional Intern, San Antonio, Texas Jan. 2018 – May 2018

- Contacted Federal Agencies on behalf of constituents and assisted with events & policy

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ACLU of Texas, ALS Association of Texas, American Inn of Courts, Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout), Future Farmers of America (Lone Star FFA Degree), County Precinct Chair, Stand Up Comedy, Patient Housing Assistance, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity